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State.

TO THE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR.

Up to the present time the current cam-

paign has been spiritless. If the speeches

of candidates and campaign orators are to

be accepted as a true indication, the cam-

paign is almost, if not entirely, without

issues worthy the attention of any intelligent

elector. This cannot be attributed to the

real absence of issues relating to the

State government of the most vital impor-

tance to the people of this Commonwealth.

Such issues exist, and we propose herein

to call the attention of candidates for Gov-

ernor at least to some of them.

1. The mortgages on the real estate of

California are increasing at an alarming

ratio. In 1880 the total mortgage on real

property in this State was \$63,811,171. In

1889 it had risen to \$145,873,985, an in-

crease of about \$82,000,000 in eight years.

We have not the figures of the volume of

mortgages for 1890, but have reliable infor-

mation that the increase is going steadily

forward. We respectfully ask the candi-

dates for Governor why the mortgages on

the real property of the State are con-

stantly increasing, and why this apparent

regression cannot be arrested by wise

legislation?

2. During the decade from 1860 to 1870

the percentage of personal property found

on the assessment roll was an average of

about 46 per cent. In 1861 it reached

49.62 per cent, that is to say, in 1861 of

every one hundred dollars upon the as-

sessment roll, \$49.62 represented personal

and \$50.38 represented real property.

Thus the burden of taxation upon the two

classifications of wealth was about equally

divided. In that year the rate of State

taxation was 60 cents on each one hundred

dollars. The aggregate of assessable prop-

erty was \$174,04,955. In 1890 the total

assessed value of property in California

was about \$1,200,000,000, or equal to seven

times the aggregate of 1861, and the rate

of taxation is 7.22 cents on the hundred

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form, with seven times the assessed value

of property in the State, the rate has in-

creased continually increasing volume of

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of California, leaving but \$900,000 to be

paid by the personal property, or to render

this more plain by a different form of

statement, in two years the holders of real

estate had the burden of taxation in-

creased upon them by the sum of \$5,153,-

000, while the owners of the species of

wealth expressed in the form of personal

property lost but \$900,000. The gentle-

men who are candidates for Governor or are

asked whether or not the real estate of

California, already carrying a burden of

taxation amounting to \$19,000,000, and

another burden on account of \$12,000,000

interest on mortgages, was in a position to

stand this sudden demand of \$5,153,000,

and what time will be required

to force the holders of agricultural

property into absolute bankruptcy by this stupendous confiscation?

The additional inquiry is also respect-

fully submitted, whether or not the gentle-

men who see the sufferings of the people of

California for the office of Governor are

affording reasonable guarantees that if

either of them is elected the evils herein

set forth can and will be remedied?

6. The manufacturers of the State are at

a standstill. During last year nearly all

the woolen manufacturers of the State

closed their doors. The price of nearly

all commodities, except fruits, maintained

unremunerative rates. The value of

the real estate of the Commonwealth

declined appreciably and is threatened

with further decline. The reality of this

commonwealth is threatened with a fur-

ther confiscation in the way of suffering and

the real property is suffering a gross

outrage by reason of the inequitable ad-

justment of the burdens of the Govern-

ment.

Any one of these matters would furnish

a text for an intelligent considera-

tion of respectable State issues, and it

would afford the electors of this State the

highest pleasure to have the gentlemen

who are candidates for Governor express

their views intelligently upon them.

7. In the years 1872 and 1873, the rate

of State taxation was fifty cents on the

hundred dollars, and the total assessed

value of property in California in 1871 was

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DEFYING THE LAW.

The anti-slavery bill was approved by

the President on the 19th instant. The law

went into effect at once. There was

not a newspaper in the United States

whose proprietors did not know, as they

do now, what the law requires and forbids.

In Alabama, on Wednesday, a newspaper

proprietor defied the law, published

political advertisements, and for mailing a

political advertisement in the columns.

The authorities refused to mail the sheet

and seized the edition.

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## CALIFORNIA AND COAST.

Delayed by an Accident on the Oregon Short Line.

## AUSTRALIAN STEAMER SERVICE.

Collapse of the Suspension Bridge Over the Mojave River—District Fairs.

## [SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

## MOIST WEATHER.

General Rains Throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

FAIRFIELD, September 27th.—Specials to the *Daily Republican* from a large number of points in the San Joaquin valley show that rain fell yesterday from El Cajon southward.

At Merced the rain was sufficient to settle the dust on the streets and roads, but no damage to unhoisted grain is known to have resulted.

At Athlone, Minto and Berenda a light rain fell.

The showers were very heavy at Raymond and Mariposa, and it is possible that there will be light damage to the grain.

At Modesto the sky was clouded during the day, but no rain fell.

At the point Fresno, three-hundredths of an inch fell, but at 1 o'clock this (Saturday) morning the sky was clear. Up to date no damage has been done here, but the practice of drying raisins has been retarded and will probably be held at extra labor and expense, but unless the wet weather should continue the raisins are feared.

## RAIN AT GILROY.

GILROY, September 27th.—A heavy shower of rain fell this morning, lasting a few minutes only. All appearances denote a storm at hand. Considerable grain is yet in the fields, and the grain crop, still unhoisted, would be greatly injured by a heavy rain at the present time.

RAIN IN SAN DIEGO.

SAN DIEGO, September 27th.—Slight showers have prevailed in this section throughout the day. Reports from El Cajon say the raisin crop is liable to suffer if the rain continues at any length.

## DISTRICT FAIRS.

Serious Injury to a Running Horse at Lodiport.

LAKESIDE, September 27th.—The District Fair, just closed, has been well attended and quite successful, barring an accident yesterday. Will's running horse, Calverwood, saw the track and was snarled himself in the bridle. He was probably, but to-day seems to be getting better, and the indications are that he will get well.

In the gentleman's novel race to-day, Fox won.

There were eight entries to the ladies' tournament. Miss Higgins got the first prize, Miss Talman second and Mrs. Redmond third.

The New Zealand exhibition favors were served with San Francisco, and has offered a liberal mail subsidy.

The Canadian Pacific steamers, however, will not attach to any of the Canadian Pacific.

Finally, Senator Stanford and President Harrison seem so interested and responded so enthusiastically to this invitation that it was suggested to the Standard members that the San Fran Gate should be closed.

The San Fran Gate, however, favored a friendly visit.

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## CHARGED WITH MURDER.

## A Complaint Filed Against the Second Mate of the Ship Yorktown.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 27th.—The ship Yorktown arrived here to-day, 165 days from New York, after a very stormy trip.

James C. Weston was lost overboard.

A boat was sent to the Yorktown to get the body of the deceased, and the Yorktown was holding the life-line to which Weston was holding. Three sailors corroborated Carr's story.

## INDIAN RAIDERS.

## Armed Citizens Stand in Pursuit of the Redskins.

YELLSBORO (N. M.), September 27th.—Yesterday the exhibition team of town and country Indians, who had been in and reported a band of Indians near his house rounding up ponies. The citizens, to the number of thirty, armed themselves and started in pursuit. Up to a late hour yesterday evening the Indians were at the Northern Pacific, and it has never been over the Central or Southern Pacific, and have never yet sighted the Golden Gate, cattle and run off horses.

STOCKTON RACES.

STOCKTON, September 27th.—Brilliant won the deciding heat of the unfinished pacing race 2:30, Vigor second.

One mile and a sixteenth, Rico won.

Three-quarter-mile dash, Daisy D. won.

Time, 1:15.

The 200 trotting race George Washington won, Lee second, after both horses had two miles to run and had trotted a dead heat.

Special trot, Moses S. won, Mattie P. second. Time, 2:22.

Margate S. trotted a half mile in 1:04.

## POLITICAL NOMINATIONS.

## Proceedings of the Placer Democratic Convention.

ATRASCO, September 27th.—The Democratic County Convention of Placer county met to-day, and nominated the following candidates: Superior Judge, J. E. Prewitt; Assessor, Dr. N. W. Wurtten, of Dutch Flats; Sheriff, W. C. Wurtten, of Dutch Flats; Clerk of the County of Auburn; Recorder, Wm. Chaffield, of Lincoln; District Attorney, A. Kelly, of Robison; County Surveyor, W. B. Gerson, of Long Valley; Coroner and Public Administrator, W. R. Alumbrough; Surveyor, W. H. Fitch; Supervisor of Schools, Sam Stewart.

The Convention failed to nominate a Superior Judge, District Attorney, Superintendent of Schools and Supervisor of the Fourth District.

## CITY ELECTION FOR SISON.

SISON, September 27th.—There was a meeting of the Board of Supervisors to elect a Treasurer, Clerk and Marshal, to be voted for at a special election on Tuesday, September 30th, when Sison will decide.

## THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 27th.—At a convention of members of the Fourth Congressional District, which was presided over by Robert F. Morrell, was nominated for Congress. He was defeated for the same office last year by Morrow.

At a convention held after the Congressional adjournment Gordon E. Sloss was nominated by the Democrats for the second time for the Board of Equalization of the First District.

## WOULD NOT STAND THE TEST.

## Two Men Severely Injured by the Collapse of a Suspension Bridge.

SAN BERNARDINO, September 27th.—A California suspension bridge, a 400-foot span, has recently been erected in the county over the Mojave river near Victor, fifty feet above the river. A complaint was made that the bridge be unsafe, and it was employed by Dr. Koenig, an engineer to examine the bridge. He pronounced it unsafe.

The California Southern Railroad track ran along the river bed, the bridge being built across it.

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